

HOOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS - Levels of Resistance Reporting		APPROVED BY: Nicholas C. Derzis, Chief of Police

Purpose:

The purpose of this section is to describe the policy and procedure for reporting the levels of resistance. The Professional Standards Commander is responsible for keeping all reports on file. This will allow the officer a means of documentation for any incident that requires more than minimal force to affect an arrest.

Policy:

1. Whenever a sworn member of this Department, on or off duty, uses lethal, non-lethal, or any form of force (other than routine handcuffing techniques where defendant does not resist), the officer shall complete the "Levels of Resistance Report Form" and attach it to the incident report which relates all the facts in the incident. The form will be accompanied with a complete in-depth statement by the officer and witnesses as to the facts leading up to, including, and as required, after the incident. The statement will be written or typed on a standard Incident/Offense Supplement form and submitted to the shift supervisor, or the immediate supervisor. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to forward all Levels of Resistance Reports to the Training Division.

Note: Every use of force scenario cannot be described in this policy. The goal is to document substantial levels of resistance, and the justification for force used in response to resistance. Ultimately we are trying to eliminate any subsequent litigation resulting from the proper use of force.

2. The form shall be completed by the officer, along with all other associated forms, before the end of the shift, and before the officer departs the Police Headquarters off duty. Exceptions will be made by the Chief of Police or Professional Standards Commander.
3. A copy of all completed paperwork associated with any use of force (other than routine handcuffing techniques where the defendant does not resist) will be forwarded to the Training Division, through the appropriate chain of command. The Training Division will review reports quarterly to determine any training needs in relation to levels of resistance.